



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6493

House of Representatives, April 20, 2009

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-63c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 [Within] Not later than one year after its appointment, the
4 committee shall prepare a written report that includes: (1) Its
5 recommendation concerning the advisability of a withdrawal or
6 dissolution; (2) a determination of the value of the net assets of the
7 regional district; (3) an apportionment of the net assets to each member
8 town on the basis of the ratio which the total average daily
9 membership of such town since its membership in the regional district
10 bears to the total average daily membership reported to the State
11 Board of Education by the regional board of education up to and
12 including the last such report; (4) a plan for settlement of any
13 obligations and the transfer of property from the regional school
14 district to the member town school districts; (5) a timetable for the
15 orderly withdrawal or dissolution of the regional district and

16 establishment of local boards of education if none exist; (6) the
17 question to be determined by the referenda; and (7) such other matters
18 as the committee deems necessary. The provisions of sections 10-43
19 and 10-45, except as provided below, shall apply to the procedures for
20 submission of the plan to the State Board of Education, action by such
21 board, presentation of such plan to the member towns, action by such
22 towns and the dissolution of the committee. The establishment of any
23 new local board of education shall be in accordance with chapter 146.
24 Upon an affirmative vote in each member town, or, in the case of a
25 regional school district that does not have a high school, any of the
26 member towns, or, in the case of a regional school district composed of
27 three or more towns with a combined population of six thousand or
28 less, the majority of the votes cast in such regional school district, the
29 regional board of education and member towns shall cooperatively
30 implement the plan for dissolution or withdrawal of a member town.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2009	10-63c
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ED *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Indeterminate

Municipal Impact: Indeterminate

Explanation

The fiscal impact of the bill, which specifies that a district composed of three or more towns with a combined population of 6,000 or less can be dissolved, or a member town can withdraw, if the majority of voters in that district vote to do so, is indeterminate as it depends upon the programmatic choices made by the member districts post dissolution.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6493*****AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, in order to dissolve a regional school district, legislative bodies of member towns must apply to the regional school board to institute withdrawal from, or dissolution of, the district. The board must form a committee which must report on the advisability of withdrawal or dissolution. Each member town, or in the case of a regional district without a high school, a member town, must vote by referendum to implement the plan for dissolution or withdrawal of a member town.

The bill specifies that a district composed of three or more towns with a combined population of 6,000 or less can be dissolved, or a member town can withdraw, if the majority of voters in that district vote to do so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (04/01/2009)